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Press release: Performing Arts Grants

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Grants totalling more than \$400,000 for the performing arts in South Australia were today announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan.

The \$419,695 provided this year compared with \$277,429 last year.

Mr. Dunstan said the increase was in line with the Government's overall programme to widen the range of tourist facilities in South Australia and to encourage the development of the arts in South Australia.

The main beneficiary is the Adelaide Festival of Arts which receives \$100,000 (\$60,000 last year).

This is equivalent to the sum paid over two years for the 1972 Festival and is to be paid in full so that the Festival can meet outstanding accounts, Mr. Dunstan said.

It was anticipated that the Festival would not receive another grant until the 1973-74 Estimates.

The South Australian Theatre Company will receive \$50,000, double last year's grant.

The Premier said the company had begun a major expansion programme following its establishment as a statutory body. It had exciting plans for new productions and training programmes and would have its permanent home in the Festival Centre on the banks of the Torrens.

Other increases were given to:

The South Australian Symphony Orchestra	\$55,000 (\$50,000)
The Adelaide International Film Festival	\$10,000 (\$5,000)
The Arts Council of Australia S.A. Division	\$30,000 (\$25,000)
Theatre 62	\$18,750 (12,500)
"Carclew" Performing Arts Centre for Young People	\$5,000 (\$3,000)
The Australian Dance Theatre	\$22,500 (\$15,000)

New grants were given to the National Film Theatre (\$500) and the Adelaide University Dramatic Society which was allotted a "once only" \$400.

The Premier said the Government intends to continue its policy of assisting, in the main, professional and semi-professional bodies to foster improved standards.

Special attention was also given to the need to expand the range of performing arts available to people living in country areas.